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CODING REGION IN BACILLUS MEGATERIUM*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2001, please amend the claims and consider the remarks as follows. Submitted with this Response is a Petition for Extension of Time, along with the required \$55.00 fee for a small entity, to extend the period for response one month, to and including October 13, 2001, and an Associate Power of Attorney. Please address all future correspondence to:

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It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an

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